



re:member the road to emmaus

luke 24:13-35

Second Sunday of Easter

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PRELUDE

Virtual Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Guest Preacher Jocelyn Wildhack
2. Join us April 25 for Easter Worship outdoors

CALL TO WORSHIP

There's more to the story. Whatever part we have played so far, whether we're certain of all the facts or still trying to figure things out — there's more to God's story. So come to hear the others, the perspectives past and present. Come to remember, and be remembered, that we may recognize Christ among us, for Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Let us worship together.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Danced In The Morning”

Virtual Choir

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident that Christ alone is sufficient, we come to God boldly and gladly, confessing the ways we fall short of God's glory, and sin against God and one another.

Let us pray.

CONFESSION

We had hoped that you were going to change things to the way we wanted them, O God. And when instead you went to the cross, we hoped for a miracle. And when instead we heard rumors that you weren't in the tomb, we didn't know what to think. Who do we believe?

Lord Jesus, when you walk alongside and tell us your story, and then sit down and share our table, we confess that we mostly want you to make things right again — the way they were before. We want you back, and we want to go back, to what we know and find comfortable, back to normal. Yet you vanish from our sight, and we cannot grasp you tightly enough to keep you within our understanding, for you are on to a new thing.

Forgive us when we cling to old hopes and dreams that narrow our vision. Open our eyes to recognize you, and to recognize your Spirit burning in our hearts...and then send us on to share your story with the others.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS "Hallelujah" by Lenny LeBlanc
Let the worship rise from deep within The sanctuary sing
Hallelujah Hear the praises of the grateful ones. Rescued from the flames Hallelujah
The song of those unchained For the glory of Your name
Jesus piercing through the darkness Dying just to save us hallelujah
Savior beautiful Redeemer We will sing forever hallelujah

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Set our hearts aflame and open our eyes, O Risen One. Show us, that when we welcome the stranger, break bread together, care for others, or proclaim your good news, we find ourselves in your story, remembering that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Video with Jon

READING Luke 24:13-35 Emmaus Road

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[1] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.^[2]

¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[3] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[4]

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[5] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us^[6] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

Rev. Jocelyn Wildhack

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the whole human family, and all the world, saying: **Hear our prayer.**

That churches of all traditions, may discover their unity in Christ and exercise their gifts in service of all, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

That the earth may be freed from war, famine, and disease, and the air, soil, and waters cleansed of poison, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

That those who govern and maintain peace in every land may exercise their powers in obedience to your commands, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

That you will strengthen this nation to pursue just priorities so that the races may be reconciled; the young, educated; and the old, cared for; the hungry, filled; and the homeless, housed; and the sick, comforted and healed, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

That you will preserve all who live and work in this city (town, village, community) in peace and safety, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

That you will comfort and empower those who face any difficulty or trial: the sick (especially N., N.), the disabled, the poor, the oppressed, those who grieve and those in prison, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

That _____, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.** That you will accept our thanksgiving for all faithful servants of Christ now at rest, who, with us, await a new heaven and a new earth, your everlasting kingdom, we pray to you, O God: **Hear our prayer.**

That we would pray as often as we breathe, and pray as Christ taught us, saying ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Ozark Mission Service Project

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Video

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer

PASSING THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CHARGE AND BLESSING

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

HYMN OF SENDING "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"

Video

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!